

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated November 11, 2004. Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the application.

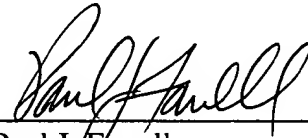
In the Office Action, Claims 1-6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Lee et al.* (EP 1102506), and Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lee* in view of *Wang et al.* (WO 99/20074).

However, it is respectfully submitted that *Lee*, which the Examiner has cited in both rejections, is not prior art. More specifically, *Lee* has a publication date, i.e., an effective U.S. filing date, of May 23, 2001, but the present application claims priority to Korean Application No. 67039/1999, which has a foreign priority date of December 30, 1999. Additionally, the U.S. filing date of the present application, i.e., January 2, 2001, also predates the effective filing date of *Lee*. Therefore, because both the foreign priority date and U.S. filing date of the present application predate the publication date of *Lee*, it is respectfully submitted that *Lee* is not valid prior art for the present application and it is respectfully requested that the rejections of Claims 1-8 be withdrawn.

Additionally, a verified translation of Korean Application No. 67039/1999 has been enclosed as required under 35 U.S.C. § 1.55.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely Claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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